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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Dr. Frank Michler Chapman was born June 12, 1864 in West Englewood, New Jersey to Lebbeus and Mary A. Chapman. He had a sister named Mary. Chapman was graduated from high school and worked in a bank from 1880 until 1886. His intense interest in birds led to a position at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, New York. He was curator of Ornithology from 1908 to 1942, and under his guidance the Department of Birds became the largest in the world. He conducted many studies of birds in North and South America and helped popularize bird watching. Chapman founded the journal *Bird-Lore* in 1899 and received an honorary Sc.D from Brown University in 1913. He published many articles and books and received many awards and honors.

Frank and his wife Fannie M. Chapman married in Manhattan, New York on February 24, 1898. She had four children from a previous marriage, and they had one son together, Frank M. Chapman, Jr. Chapman retired in 1942 and died November 15, 1945. He was buried in Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, New Jersey.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes a letter from Frank M. Chapman in New York City, New York on November 1, 1932 regarding a recommendation for purchase of bird books.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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- American Museum of Natural History.

Subject(s)

- Authors and publishers
- Bird watching
- Books
- Booksellers and bookselling
- Correspondence
- Museum curators
- Ornithologists